

Melvin liked going to the zoo with his parents. He had not been to the zoo in a long time. Melvin liked looking at all of the animals at the zoo. The lions and tigers were the animals Melvin liked most. Melvin's parents said that they were all going to the zoo the next day.

That night, Melvin dreamed of being a lion tamer at the circus. He dreamed of standing in the middle of a huge lion cage with a whip in his hand. Melvin dreamed of making the lions and tigers jump through hoops. He dreamed of making the lions and tigers stand up on their hind legs. When Melvin woke up that morning, he knew he had been dreaming. However, he still looked forward to seeing the lions and tigers at the zoo.

After lunch that day Melvin's family drove to the zoo. When they got inside the gate, Melvin's mother wanted to see the pretty birds. Melvin tagged along as the family went to see the birds. Next, Melvin's father wanted to see the horses. Melvin dragged his feet as they went to look at the horses. Melvin's sneaky little brother, Marvin, whined and cried until the family went to the snake cage. Marvin sighed all the way through the snake cage.

At last, Melvin's family went to the big cages where there were lions and tigers. Melvin stared in awe at the big cats. He loved to watch their backs ripple when they walked. Melvin jumped when one of the big lions roared. What a frightening sound! "Come along, Melvin," said Melvin's mother. "It is time to go home." "Aw, Mom," said Melvin, "it can't be time to go home yet." "Well, one more stop," said Melvin's father. Melvin and Marvin begged to find out what their father meant. However, Melvin's father would not say a word. They walked and walked until at last they came to the treat stand. Melvin's

father bought each of the boys a big snow cone. Melvin and Marvin were happy. They liked their day at the zoo.

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